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Larry Johnson, Alton Coal Development
Alton Coal Development, LLC
463 North 100 West, Suite 1
Cedar City, Utah 84720

Subject: Lower Robinson Creek Diversion Channel Repair, Alton Coal Development, LLC,
Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The letter from Alton Coal Development, LLC (ACD) dated April 3, 2012 on the above-referenced subject is not considered to be acceptable. The letter states "in order to minimize additional sediments being mobilized, Alton Coal Development will place 3" to 6" Rip Rap in the bottom of the channel to insure stability of the channel until the reconstruction of Lower Robinson Creek." Three inch to six inch rip rap is of insufficient size to meet the rip rap specifications in Appendix 5-3 of the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP). These specifications are incorporated into Drawing 5-21. Drawing 5-21 Cross Sections SL-2 and SL-4 specify rip rap sizing as: "minimum 1 ft diameter rip rap 2 ft in bottom and 2 ft up each side." Cross Section SL-2 refers to the channel from 0+50 to 8+50 and SL-4 refers to the channel from 11+00 to 21+00. ACD shall install rip rap meeting the specifications of the MRP in the Lower Robinson Creek Diversion by no later than May 30, 2012. Failure to complete this work by May 30, 2012 may result in enforcement action.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (801) 538-5325 or (Ken Hoffman) at (435) 538-5345.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Program Manager

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